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In re patent application of:) Attorney Docket No.: E-977
Thomas J. Foth et al.) Group Art Unit: 2161
Serial No.: 09/474,326) Examiner: Marianne Huseman
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Title: METHOD FOR FACILITATING A TRANSACTION BETWEEN A MERCHANT
AND A BUYER

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR 1.136(a))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231


Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time for a period of one (1) month to respond to the Office Action mailed on March 15, 2002.

A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$110.00. Please charge this fee and any additional extension fee required or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account Number 16-1885. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

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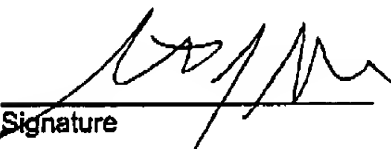
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